

My name is Lynette Cange, I am a student who goes to Connecticut River Academy from Bloomfield. I am going to be a registered voter in that town as soon as I turn 18.

I am a person who has had multiple injuries and mental illnesses in my life. Three of my bottom vertebrae are in the wrong direction, I have had three concussions, post-concussion syndrome for a year, I am dyslexic and I also have recently gotten diagnosed with Tourettes. All of my injuries and mental illnesses have happened in my seventeen years of life.

I have been lucky to have medical help for these medical issues and have been able to pay for it with my parent's insurance, however, if I did not receive the medical help because I am undocumented either I would be in constant pain or I would not be here today. There are children who can have similar medical issues or medical issues that are worse than mine who happen to be undocumented and cannot receive the help that they need they may not make it. This is so unjust in such a wealthy nation and state. It is, simply stated, embarrassing to have children in this state and nation who are not protected by having health insurance.

I support S.B. No 284, with clear language to extend current HUSKY eligibility rules to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status, and I ask the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your time,
Lynette Cange